



Iowa Utilities Board

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September 22, 2015

Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 – 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Karen Majcher
Vice President, High Cost & Low Income Division
Universal Service Administrative Company
2000 L Street NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual State Certification Of Support
For Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETC) Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, the Iowa Utilities Board (Board) hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that, based upon the information available to the Board, the telecommunications carriers included in this letter are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

The Board certifies for the carrier listed all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within Iowa was used in the preceding calendar year (2014) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2016) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.¹ The Board bases this certification on the individual carrier sworn affidavits filed with the Board.

Attached is the carrier certified by the Board pursuant to section 54.314 of the FCC's rules (47 C.F.R. § 54.314), which requires states to establish an annual certification process for carriers receiving federal high cost support.

¹ 47 C.F.R. §54.314(a) ("*Certification*. States that desire eligible telecommunications carriers to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification with the Administrator and the Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. High-cost support shall only be provided to the extent that the State has filed the requisite certification pursuant to this section.").

As requested by the Universal Service Administrative Company, listed beside each carrier is its assigned study area code (SAC), if known.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Jim Langenberg, a member of the Iowa Utilities Board's staff at (515) 725-7327 or e-mail jim.langenberg@iub.iowa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S. Smith'.

Suzanne Smith
Manager, Telecommunications

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attachment

Company Name:

Van Buren Telephone Company, Inc.

Study Area Code:

351319